

# AGENDA

## TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, April 21, 2004 • 9:00 a.m. • Room 223 State Capitol

Approximate  
Time Frame

### 9:00 1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the November 19, 2003 meeting

### 9:05 2. Centennial Highway Fund Program and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Update

*The CHF (Centennial Highway Fund) was initially an 11-year program beginning in 1997 which was used to fund the I-15 reconstruction project in Salt Lake County and to fund 40 other major construction and reconstruction projects in the state. The primary funding source through FY 2004 is bonding at 41.2 percent. Significant reductions in General Fund dollars going to the CHF in the last several years and reduced bonding will delay several projects and extend the bond payoff period to 2017. The STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program) is a five-year program of highway and transit projects designed to implement the Long Range Transportation Plan. The STIP is funded through state and federal transportation dollars. What projects are on the Centennial Highway Program and the STIP? What projects are underway or completed? What projects will have to be delayed or eliminated because of recent reduction in CHF dollars? When will the Centennial Highway Program be completed and paid-off?*

- John R. Njord, Utah Department of Transportation

### 9:50 3. Traffic Code Recodification

*Title 41, Chapter 6, Traffic Rules and Regulations includes the primary traffic laws of the state. The first half of the chapter was last updated in 1987; the other half has not been updated since 1953. The chapter includes more than 185 sections including laws for speed limits, DUI, lane restrictions, accidents, stopping, turning, equipment, and safety belt usage. The Transportation Interim Committee has oversight responsibility for these laws. Traditionally recodifications are done to update statutory language, improve organization and readability, and reduce ambiguities, inconsistencies, and conflicts. Experts in the field are typically used to review changes and make suggestions. Substantive issues are usually separated into companion legislation. Should the traffic code be recodified this year?*

### 10:15 4. Uninsured and Unregistered Vehicles

*Under state law, both insurance and registration are required to operate a motor vehicle on a highway. The insurance requirement is to ensure that an at-fault driver can pay for damages in the event of a crash. The registration requirement is to allow identification of the vehicle for public safety purposes. Vehicle registration requirements also serve to ensure payment of vehicle property taxes, registration fees, driver education taxes and to ensure compliance with safety and emissions inspection requirements. What is the state doing to enforce these laws? Should the state do more to increase compliance? How can the state achieve more compliance?*

### 11:00 5. Other Items / Adjourn

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November 19, 2003

10:30 a.m. - Room 129 State Capitol Building